



FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
EPH 2:8-9

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Live by Faith

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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

Holy Communion: We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

ORDER OF SERVICE: WORD AND SACRAMENT

HYMN.....Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb (CW #159)

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

- C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*KYRIE*)

- M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer— cy.

- M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer— cy.

- M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer— cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise

GLORY BE TO GOD (*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*)

1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
 2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
 4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;

Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
 For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
 You take all hu - man sin a - way.
 The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.

We praise you for your peace and grace,
 For all, O Fath - er, you have done
 Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
 We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:

Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
 Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
 From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
 "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD

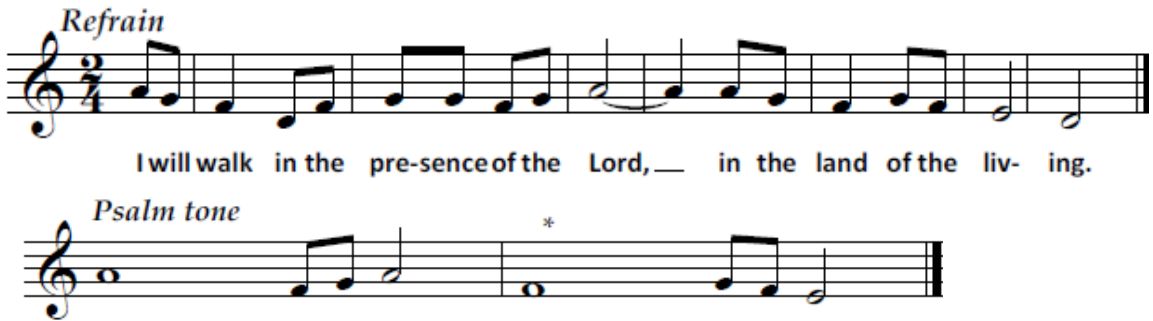


CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Genesis 15:1-6

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."² But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?"³ And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir."⁵ He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars-- if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 16



M: Keep me 'safe, O God. *

C: **for in you I take 'refuge.**

M: I said to the LORD, "You 'are my LORD; *

C: **apart from you I have 'no good thing."**

M: I have set the LORD always be'fore me. *

C: **Because he is at my right hand, I will not be 'shaken.**

Refrain

M: My heart is glad and my tongue re'joices; *

C: **my body also will 'rest secure,**

M: because you will not abandon me 'to the grave, *

C: **nor will you let your Holy One 'see decay.**

M: You have made known to me the 'path of life; *

C: **you will fill me with joy in your 'presence.**

C: **Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son ***
and to the Holy 'Spirit,
as it was in the be'ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON.....2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.¹⁹ And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation.²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY.....John 20:29

The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain.



*Cantor: O sons and daughters let us sing the King of heaven, our glorious King, from death for us rose triumphing, Alleluia! **Refrain.***

*Cantor: How blest are they who have not seen and yet whose faith has constant been, for they eternal life shall win, Alleluia! **Refrain x 2.***

STAND

GOSPEL.....John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."²⁴ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."²⁶ A week later his disciples were in

the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."³⁰ Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY.....O Sons and Daughters of the King (#165)

Verse 1: All Verses 2-3: Women Verses 4-5: Men Verses 6-9: All

SERMON.....Genesis 15:1-6

“LORD, What Can You Give Me?”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M:** O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, You fulfilled Your promises by the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.
- C:** **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- M:** In Your compassion You sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down His life to rescue the lost.
- C:** **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in Your glorious triumph.**
- M:** Lift our eyes heavenward to see Him who lives to make intercession for the saints. Keep before us the vision of Your redeemed people standing before Your throne singing the song of victory:
- C:** **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**
- M:** Make us instruments of Your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that You have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.
- C:** **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for You.**
- M:** Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of Your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers may follow

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer

M: Gracious Father, You have restored to us the joy of Your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before You and say:

C: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

M: We join in the prayer your Son has taught us:

C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)

C: Ho ly, ho ly, — ho ly is the — Lord of hosts. The whole

earth is — full — of your — glo ry. You are my — God and

I will ex alt you. I will give you thanks for — you have be come my sal

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earth is — full — of your — glo — ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A _____ men.

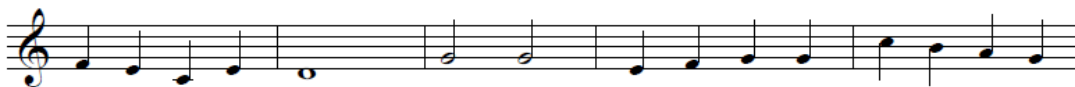
O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*AGNUS DEI*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have mer cy on__



us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have



mer cy on__ us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace. A _____ men.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN.....Jesus Christ our Sure Defense (CW # 167)

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



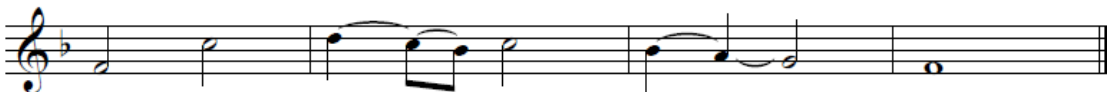
C: A _____ men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



C: A men. A _____ men. A _____ men.

CLOSING HYMN.....We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight (CWS # 756)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEASURE OF LOVE

Last Sunday's Attendance: Worship: .

Offerings to the Lord: General Fund - \$4783; Evangelism - \$50; Vigil Fire Bowl - \$100.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday (4/6):	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Sunday (4/10):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion

CHURCH WORK DAY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH



We will be having a work day at church on Saturday, April 16th. There will be a group of volunteers from LSU on property as a part of their Geaux Big service day. We will begin at 8 a.m. Many hands make light work!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH



We will be having a congregational meeting following our worship on Sunday, April 23rd. This important meeting will include an update on the sale of the Learning Center as well as a discussion of the future of ministry at Cross of Glory.